

**DRAGON CLASS FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP DOUARNENEZ FRANCE**  
**May 2 to 6 2023, Douarnenez, France**  
**Société des Régates de Douarnenez**  
**FFVoile grade 3**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*[DP] penalty at the discretion of the International Jury.*

*[NP] a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.*

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Société des Régates de Douarnenez and the French Dragon Association.

**1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1** the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*;
- 1.2** the Class rules, except CR 13.30, crew weight;
- 1.3** the prescriptions of the National Authority will apply (Attachment 3).
- 1.4** RRS Appendix T, Arbitration.
- 1.5** In case of a translation of these Sis, the French text shall prevail;
- 1.6** In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the SIs shall prevail.

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least two hours before the first start on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

**3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official board located in la Maison du Nautisme.

The Race Office is in la Maison du Nautisme.

A WhatsApp group may be used.

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP] [NP]**

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in la Maison du Nautisme.
- 5.2** Flags "AP over H" displayed with two sound signals mean: races not started are postponed. Competitors shall stay ashore. The Warning signal will not be made less than 45 minutes after lowering AP over H flags. This changes RRS "Race Signals".
- 5.3** Flag "AP" displayed alone with two sound signals means: races not started are postponed The Warning signal will not be made less than 45 minutes after lowering AP flag. This changes RRS "Race Signals".

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 6.1 Dates of racing:

DATE	TIME	
Tuesday May 2	9:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 17:00	Registration. Craning on appointment (see NoR)
Wednesday May 3	11:00	Briefing and weather
	13:00	Races
Thursday 4 to Saturday 6	9:30	Briefing and weather
	11h00	Races

6.2 On Saturday 6, **no starting sequence will be started after 15:00.**

### 7. CLASS FLAG

Dragon Class Flag.

### 8. RACING AREA

Races will be held in Douarnenez Bay. See Attachment 2 "Racing area".

### 9. THE COURSE

9.1 The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC boat will display the course to be sailed (numeral pennant 1, 2 or 3), the compass bearing and the approximate distance to mark 1.

9.3 The race will not be shortened before the end of the leg to Mark 1 for the second time. This changes RRS 32.

### 10. MARKS

10.1 Marks **1, 2, 3P & 3S** will be **yellow** cylindrical buoys.

10.2 The **change of course** mark will be a **white** buoy.

10.3 The **starting marks** will be a staff on two RC boats flying **orange flags**.

10.4 The finish mark will be a **red** buoy.

### 11. REPORTING AT COMMITTEE BOAT [NP]

Before the starting procedure in the first race of the day, boats shall, while sailing on starboard tack, pass behind the principal race committee boat and make sure they have been acknowledged. Boats failing to report will be penalised, without a hearing, by 10% of the registered boats to all the day's races.

### 12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started according to RRS 26 (Warning: 5 minutes).

12.2 The start will be between two staffs displaying orange flags (see § 10.3).

12.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.4 All the race committee vessels may keep their position by using their engine. [NP].

12.5 Boats recorded OCS or UFD or BFD may be notified by VHF not less than one minute after the start. Failure to be notified or to hear the notification shall not be grounds for redress [NP].

### 13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

13.2 When a change of course is signalled at gate 3P/3S, marks 1 (then white) and 2 (still yellow) will be repositioned as soon as practicable.

- 13.3** Original marks will be used for subsequent changes of course.
- 13.4** There will be no change of course at mark 2 towards gate 3P/3S.
- 14. THE FINISH**  
The finishing line will be defined by the staff displaying a **blue flag** on a race committee vessel on the starboard side and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 15. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 15.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.
- 15.2** If the jury afloat witnesses an incident for which a boat is protesting another one, he will display a Blue Flag with a whistle which means "The jury is a witness". It is then up to the competitors to take the appropriate action.
- 15.3** Appendix P will apply. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 16. TIME LIMITS**
- 16.1** The overall time limit is **two hours**.
- 16.2** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat having sailed the course and finished will be scored "DNF" without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.3** If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 75 minutes after her starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 17. HEARING REQUESTS**
- 17.1** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or after the RC abandoned a race with no further start. This time will be posted on the official notice board. The same protest time applies to all protests by the race committee, technical committee, and jury, and to requests for redress.
- 17.2** Hearing request forms are available from the jury office at the Maison du Nautisme.
- 17.3** Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Committee Room, located in the Maison du Nautisme ground floor.
- 17.4** Hearings and/or arbitrations may be conducted before the end of Protest Time Limit if all the parties agree.
- 18. SCORING**
- 18.1** Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2** (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
(b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.3** There will be an overall scoring, and a Corinthian scoring.
- 19. SAFETY REGULATION [DP] [NP]**  
A boat that retires or intends not to start from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT OR CREW [DP] [NP]**
- 20.1** Substitution of equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Technical Committee. These requests shall be made in writing.
- 20.2** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Jury. These requests shall be made in writing.

## **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]**

- 21.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 21.2** On the water, a boat can be instructed by a technical committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 21.3** No protest on measurement issues shall be lodged after protest time limit on Wednesday 3.

## **22. OFFICIAL VESSELS [NP]**

The Race Committee boats will display SRD flags.  
Jury boats will display a "JURY" flag.  
The Technical Committee will display a "JAUGE" flag.

## **23. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

Support Boat Regulations apply.

## **24. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP] [NP]**

All boats shall be afloat before Wednesday May 2, 11:00 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the technical committee.

## **25. DIVING EQUIPMENT**

Underwater breathing apparatus, including snorkels, shall not be used below the waterline after Wednesday May 3, 11:00.

## **26. BERTHING [NP]**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned berths.

## **27. VHF RADIO**

The Race Committee may broadcast information available to all competitors by using VHF radio on race channel **72**.

## **28. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

- 28.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **29. PRIZES**

- Overall scoring: the three first boats will be awarded prizes.
  - Title France Champion: the three first boats will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals.
  - The France Dragon perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Championnat France Dragon
  - The Grand Prix Trophy "Louis Urvois" will be awarded to the overall winner.
  - Special prizes will be awarded to the next two boats in the overall ranking.
- Corinthian scoring: the three first boats where the whole crew is WS categorized 1 will be awarded prizes.
  - The *Douarnenez Dragon Corinthian Trophy* will be awarded to the winner of the Corinthian scoring.
  - Special prizes will be awarded to the two following boats in the Corinthian scoring.

**30 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please contact.

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## ATTACHMENT 1 THE COURSE

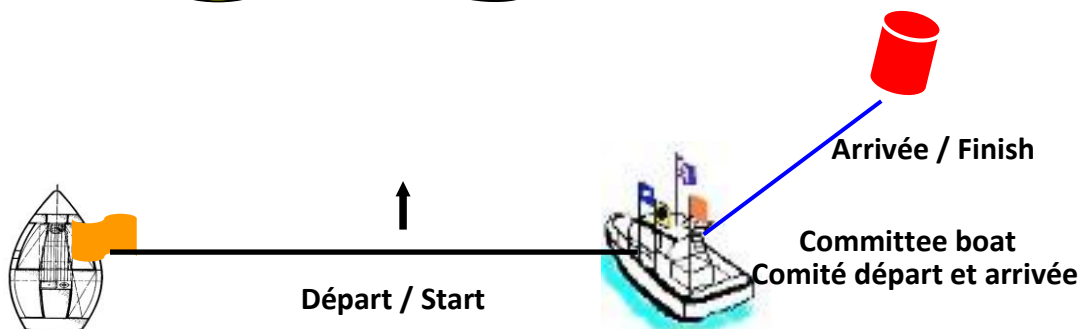
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**(Numeral Pennant 3)**



Start - 1 - 2 - 3 T/3B - 1 - 2 - 3T/3B - Finish **(2 laps)**  
**(Numeral Pennant 2)**

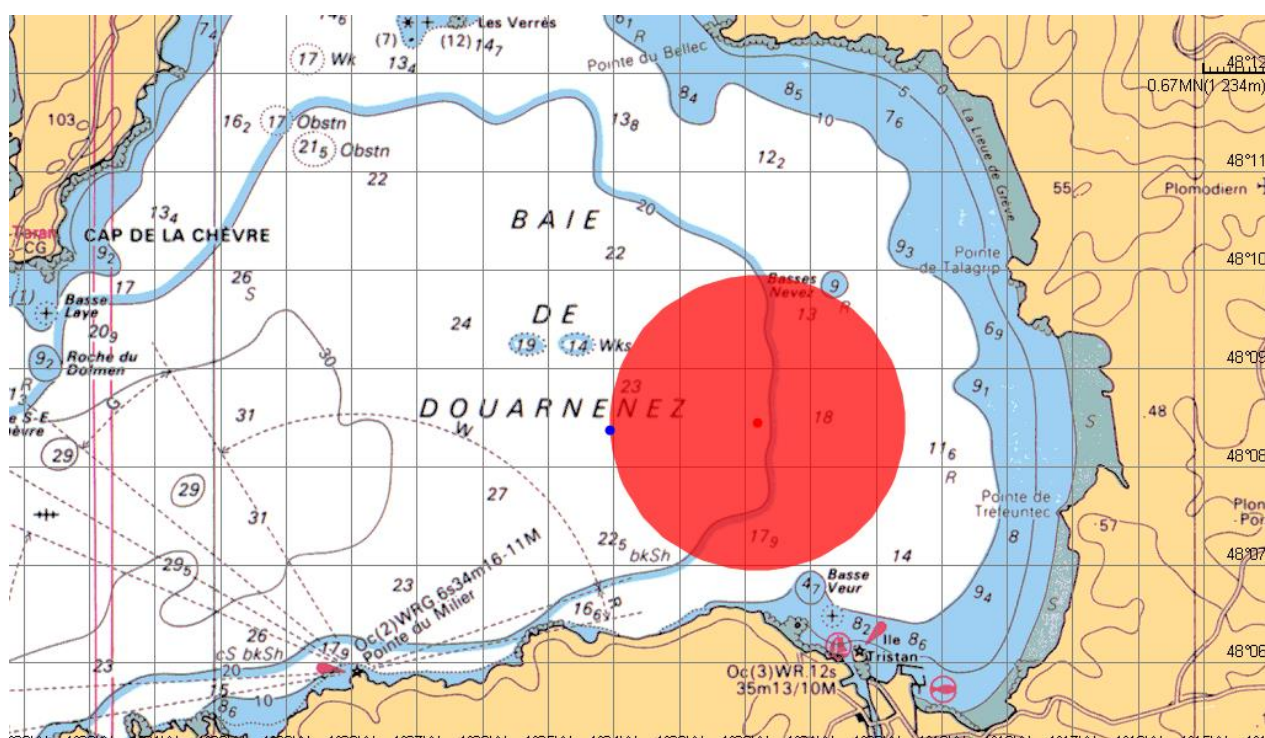


Start - 1 - 2 - 3 T/3B - Finishj **(1 lap)**  
**(Numeral Pennant 1)**



## ATTACHMENT 2

# RACING AREA



## ATTACHMENT 3 "NATIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS"

FFVoile Prescriptions to RRS 2021-2024  
translated for non-French speaking competitors

FFVoile Prescription to RRS 25.1 (Notice of race, sailing instructions and signals):

For events graded 4 and 5, standard notices of race and sailing instructions including the specificities of the event shall be used. Events graded 4 may have dispensation for such requirement, after receipt of FFVoile approval, received before the notice of race has been published.

For events graded 5, posting of sailing instructions will be considered as meeting the requirements of RRS 25.1 application.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 64.4 (Decisions on protests concerning class rules):

The protest committee may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 67 (Damages):

Any question or request related to damages arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that such action, admit liability for damages.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 70. 5 (Appeals and requests to a national authority):

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 76.1 (Exclusion of boats or competitors):

An organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary reason.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 78.1 (Compliance with class rules; certificates):

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat complies with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 86.3 (Changes to the racing rules):

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1(a) in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such approval shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(\* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 88 (Changes to prescriptions):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall neither be changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed.

In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (\*) shall not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on the FFVoile website [www.ffvoile.fr](http://www.ffvoile.fr), shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

(\* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(b) (Protest committee):

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile. Such approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

FFVoile Prescription to **APPENDIX R** (*Procedures for appeals and requests*):

Appeals shall be sent to the head-office of Fédération Française de Voile, 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: [jury.appel@ffvoile.fr](mailto:jury.appel@ffvoile.fr), using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the website of Fédération Française de Voile:

<http://espaces.ffvoile.fr/media/127235/formulaire-dappel.pdf>